

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) Windshield wiper device (10) a plate-shaped base (12), on which at least one drive unit (18), at least one wiper bearing (14) and at least one retaining element (26) are arranged, characterized in that the plate-shaped base (12) has at least one predetermined breaking point (36) and stress-controlling elements (46), ~~which are the stress controlling elements being~~ arranged in such a way that a stress in the base (12) in an impact with the windshield wiper device (10) will increase on the predetermined breaking point (36) in such a way that the predetermined breaking point (36) will bend or even break off completely.
2. (Original) Windshield wiper device (10) according to Claim 1, characterized in that the predetermined breaking point (36) is arranged in the region of the retaining element (26) and/or in the region of the wiper bearing (14).
3. (Currently Amended) Windshield wiper device (10) according to Claim 1, characterized in that the predetermined breaking point (36) is embodied as a bore hole ~~[[(26)]]~~ (38), elongated hole (40) or break-through (42).
4. (Previously Presented) Windshield wiper device (10) according to Claim 1, characterized in that the base (12) has a collar-like border.
5. (Original) Windshield wiper device (10) according to Claim 4, characterized in that the drive unit (18) is accommodated within the border (33).

6. (Previously Presented) Windshield wiper device (10) according to Claim 1, characterized in that a fastening element (44) is provided on the base (12), which serves as the fastening of a support tube.
7. (Canceled)
8. (Previously Presented) Windshield wiper device (10) according to Claim 1, characterized in that at least one predetermined breaking point (36) is arranged approximately centrally in the plate-shaped base (12).
9. (Currently Amended) Windshield wiper device (10) according to Claim 2, characterized in that the predetermined breaking point (36) is embodied as a bore hole [(26)] (38), elongated hole (40) or break-through (42).
10. (Previously Presented) Windshield wiper device (10) according to Claim 9, characterized in that the base (12) has a collar-like border.
11. (Previously Presented) Windshield wiper device (10) according to Claim 10, characterized in that the drive unit (18) is accommodated within the border (33).
12. (Previously Presented) Windshield wiper device (10) according to Claim 11, characterized in that a fastening element (44) is provided on the base (12), which serves as the fastening of a support tube.
13. (Canceled)
14. (Previously Presented) Windshield wiper device (10) according to Claim 12, characterized in that at least one predetermined breaking point (36) is arranged approximately centrally in the plate-shaped base (12).

15. (Currently Amended) Windshield wiper device (10) according to Claim 1, characterized in that the predetermined breaking point (36) is embodied as a bore hole [[(26)]] (38).
16. (Previously Presented) Windshield wiper device (10) according to Claim 1, characterized in that the predetermined breaking point (36) is embodied as an elongated hole (40).
17. (Previously Presented) Windshield wiper device (10) according to Claim 1, characterized in that the predetermined breaking point (36) is embodied as a break-through (42).
18. (New) Windshield wiper device (10) according to Claim 1, characterized in that the stress-controlling elements (46) are embodied as recesses or material accumulations.
19. (New) Windshield wiper device (10) according to Claim 1, characterized in that the at least one predetermined breaking point (36) is embodied as a hole, and characterized in that a stress-controlling element (46) surrounds the hole.
20. (New) Windshield wiper device (10) according to Claim 1, characterized in that the at least one predetermined breaking point (36) is located in the plate-shaped base (12) between the at least one wiper bearing (14) and the at least one retaining element (26), and characterized in that a stress-controlling element (46) is located in the plate-shaped base (12) on a side of the at least one wiper bearing (14) away from the at least one predetermined breaking point (36).
21. (New) Windshield wiper device (10) according to Claim 1, characterized in that the at least one predetermined breaking point (36) is located in the plate-shaped base (12) between the at least one drive unit (18) and the at least one retaining element (26), and characterized in that a stress-controlling element (46) is located in the plate-shaped base (12) between the at least one drive unit (18) and the at least one predetermined breaking point (36).